



## OVERVIEW

Russia's violent, unprovoked invasion of Ukraine has displaced millions of Ukrainians, both internally, as a direct result of the conflict, and externally, as millions sought protection in EU member states. In response, American Jewish Committee (AJC) launched its #StandWithUkraine Emergency Fund in March 2022 to assist Ukrainian refugees and to provide direct humanitarian assistance to Ukrainian civilians.

**MORE THAN \$2.53M WAS RAISED FROM  
3,716 GENEROUS DONORS.**

## DIRECTING FUNDS TO HELP INNOCENT UKRAINIANS

AJC tapped into its network of global offices—including its eight posts across Europe—and relationships to identify and partner with key, trusted Ukrainian, Israeli, and Jewish organizations to deliver support to the Ukrainian people, ultimately making 38 disbursements for refugee relief services; humanitarian aid for individuals, families, and elderly remaining in Ukraine; and assistance for Ukrainian Jews making *Aliyah* (immigrating) to Israel, as well as support to help these new *olim* (immigrants) adjust in Israel. All organizations were carefully vetted. As of this report, all funds have been disbursed with 100% of proceeds going directly to select organizations.

To track progress, AJC carefully recorded allocations, executed grant agreements with each NGO recipient, and requested progress reports from funded entities. Allocations supported a wide range of needs including food, medical supplies, trauma counseling, housing, and much more.

Important examples of results and impact of the Fund include (but are not limited to):

- [Two planes](#) left Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for Israel, organized in partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), filled with more than 240 Ukrainian Jewish refugees, to ensure they could find safe haven in Israel and rebuild their lives;
- Support, evacuation, and transportation of elderly Ukrainian Jews, including Holocaust survivors, to safer locations, organized by the Jewish Confederation of Ukraine, an AJC international partner;
- Scholarships for Ukrainian *olim* to continue their studies at Tel Aviv University;
- Basic needs assistance for elderly Jews staying in Ukraine, organized by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC);

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- Repairs to the Babi Yar Holocaust Memorial following Russian missile attacks that severely damaged the memorial;
- Cash assistance to Ukrainian refugees in Poland subsidizing their employment for increased self-sufficiency, facilitated by the Polish Center for International Aid;
- Housing, food, medical supplies, and other necessities for Ukrainian refugees in Poland through JCC Krakow, Ukrainian House in Warsaw, Sauveteurs Sans Frontiere, and other agencies;
- Support of the Hungarian Jewish community's efforts to provide Ukrainian refugees with food and health supplies, organized by JCC Budapest;
- Trauma counseling, provision of medical supplies, and establishment of safe spaces for children, organized by IsraAID in Moldova;
- Purchase and set up of a water filtration unit that can serve 30,000 Ukrainians daily.

In addition to direct financial assistance, AJC has sought to mobilize global solidarity with and support for Ukraine through a range of strategic communication strategies including global diplomacy, press releases, and op-eds by AJC experts which are summarized here, as well as three *AJC People of the Pod* podcast episodes, including the latest released in mid-February 2023 that shares the experiences of those in Ukraine a year after Russia's illegal invasion, which can be listened to here.

## CONCLUSION

AJC is on a mission to make this world safer for the Jewish people, enhance Israel's place in the world, and advance democratic values. As the first global Jewish organization to support the restoration of Ukrainian independence in 1991, AJC, a partner organization of the Jewish Confederation of Ukraine, stands in full solidarity with the Ukrainian people and remains committed to Ukraine's full sovereignty and territorial integrity.

We deeply appreciate your generous support of AJC's Emergency #StandWithUkraine Fund. This is a pivotal moment, not just for Ukrainians, but for all who value human rights and democratic values.

